

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of all the claims now in the application (i.e., claims 1-21) is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Initially, the Examiner objected to the drawings because it was not clear from the drawings or the description provided in the specification what or where the cam surfaces are. The cam surfaces are shown in FIGS. 5-8 of the drawings. The specification has been amended to indicate that the cam surface is the groove 48 which includes sections 52 and 54. The specification has also been amended to indicate that the cross pin 62 is the cam follower claimed. It is believed that the amendments to the specification obviate the need for any drawing changes and also overcome the objection to the specification set forth on the bottom of page two of the Office Action. However, if the Examiner believes that additional changes should be made to the specification to clarify the claim language, she should contact the undersigned attorney.

The Examiner then objected to claims 1 and 18-21. Applicants have amended claims 1 and 18-21 in order to more clearly claim Applicants' invention. Applicants have also amended claims 2-5 and 9 to better describe the invention and conform to the amendments made to claim 1. Claim 18 has been revised to make it clear that the biasing means biases the handle to a position which moves the locking pin out of engagement with the recesses in the retaining bar as described in paragraphs [0010] and [0011] of the specification. Claim 21 has also been amended to make it clear that when pin 62 reaches portion 54, a self-locking situation occurs because the angle of the groove portion or cam surface portion 54 is very small. This prevents the automatic return rotation of handle or knob 60. This is discussed in paragraph [0036] of the application in

the last two sentences. Note that even in the unlocked position spring 68 still biases the detent partially into the bore 24.

Applicants have amended claim 11 to overcome the objection raised by the Examiner with regard to the antecedent basis of "the target bore" by referring to the "guide bar". Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for her indication that claims 1-21 would be allowable if the various objections set forth above were overcome. Applicants believe that the amendments to the specification and claims overcome these objections and that the claims are in condition for allowance.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

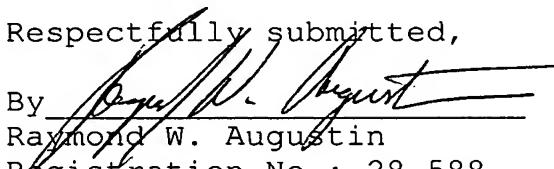
If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that she telephone Applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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